of the work is Rs. 434.41 lakhs. (Railway's share Rs. 120.80 lakhs and State Government share 313.61 lakhs).

Physical progress of the work is 30%

(c) No, Sir.

(d) During current financial year subject to State Government fulfilling its financial commitment.

Racket in extracting money from unreserved passengers

2236. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a racket is active at New Jalpaiguri station in forcibly collecting money from passengers boarding unreserved compartments;

(b) whether a section of licenced coolies are also a part of such racket, even at Delhi station; and

(c) if so, Government's plans to curb such menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) No case of forcible collection of money from passengers boarding unreserved compartments have come to notice at New Jalpaiguri station of Northeast Frontier Railway. Some instances of cornering of berths/seats have come to notice during the checks conducted at New Delhi railway station during the year 1999-2000.

(c) Regular checks are conducted by the Commercial and Vigilance Departments in association with the Police to prevent cornering of seats by coolies and other anti-social elements. In addition, passengers are advised to follow a queue system for preventing cornering of seats in unreserved coaches.

Passenger facilities at model stations

2237. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the minimum essential passenger facilities at Model Stations;